



OF THE

63th Annual Session

OF THE

Zion Baptist Association.

HELD WITH

Fellowship Baptist Church,

Webster County, Miss.

September 13th and 14th, A. D. 1903.

Officers.

Moderator.....	J. T. Pryor.....	Slate Springs, Miss
Clerk.....	D. W. Bennett.....	Walthall, Miss
Treasurer.....	B. DeLashmet.....	Walthall, Miss

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M. C. Allen.....	Slate Springs.....	Miss
A. T. Burns.....	Slate Springs.....	"
W. D. Cook.....	Sabougla.....	"
J. T. Carroll.....	Eupora.....	"
Andy Carroll.....	".....	"
Joe Dorroh.....	Glenlynn.....	"
A. B. Hicks.....	Bellfontain.....	"
W. T. Hicks.....	Stewart.....	"
J. T. McPhail.....	Slate Springs.....	"
H. G. McCain.....	Bellfontain.....	"
J. L. Phelps.....	Mayfield.....	"
R. M. Richardson.....	Eupora.....	"
J. P. Thompson.....	Slate Springs.....	"
R. C. White.....	Slate Springs.....	"
T. H. Wilson.....	Bellfontain.....	"
J. L. Wilson.....	Mc'ain.....	"
A. F. Williams.....	Eupora.....	"

Licentiates.

D. N. Britt.....	Emtry.....	Miss
J. D. Burson.....	Eupora.....	"
J. J. Eidson.....	Starnes.....	"
M. L. Sheppard.....	Ship.....	"
J. W. Therrell.....	Glenlynn.....	"
Chas. Williams.....	Eupora.....	"

◆—PROCEEDINGS—◆
OF THE
✻Zion Baptist Association✻
HELD WITH
Fellowship Church,
September 13th. and 14th., 1900.◆

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met in its sixty-fifth annual session with Fellowship Church, in Webster county, Mississippi, on the 13th day of September, 1900, the time and place proscribed by the last Association, and was called to order by the moderator, J. T. Prior.

After singing, prayer was offered by J. W. Spencer, after which the body proceeded to regular business.

On motion the regular order of business was adopted and Bro. J. L. Phelps preached the introductory sermon. Text, 1st Cor. 1-23.

On Motion the Association adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Called to order by singing, prayer by D. M. Wray. The moderator appointed J. H. Pryor, W. T. McQuary and H. R. Smith reading clerks and letters from the various churches were read and delegates enrolled as follows:

Bethany—Smith Fox, Jesse Gregg and J. T. Pryor.
Bluff Springs—A. W. Gary and W. C. Love. Concord—W.

L Hood. Eupora—W W Naron and J S Allen. Fellowship—W C Suggs, J S Hardy, C Norwood and J S Winter. Hebron—J J Eidson and Lon McKey. Mulberry—J H Alridge, S L Wray, J R Freeman and R H Lishman. Milligan Springs—J Y Oliver, R J Barrett and J S Eiland. Mt. Zion—W M Norwood. Mt. Vernon—M L Sheppard and E Strickland. Midway—E Inmon and J M Blue. New Hope—J H Pryor, A B Skelton, Henry West and J W Spencer. New Liberty—E M Stevens. Philadelphia—Peter Cannon, Virgil Langston and W J Middleton. Pilgrim's Rest—M S Gary, T A Kimbrell and R N Love. Pleasant Grove—T P Poster and J E Shaw. Providence—J S Dees. Spring Hill—J J Nelms. Shiloh—J L Wray, D M Wray and J N Kirk. Sabougla—Allen Spencer. Sapa—M R Klutts and O C Fondren. Shady Grove—A E Gibson, T D Bailey and J J Wray. Union—W T Hicks. Walthall—W T McQuary, B Delashmet, W A Hays and H R Smith.

NOTE—Harmony, Greensboro and Rocky Mountain not represented.

On motion the delegates of Shady Grove, New Hope and Bethel churches be seated without letters.

On motion the Association went into permanent organization by suspending the rules and electing by nomination and acclamation, which resulted as follows: J T Pryor re-elected moderator; D W Bennett re-elected clerk; and B DeLashmet elected treasurer.

CORRESPONDENTS FROM SISTER ASSOCIATIONS—Chester, J W Franklin, G W Bollis, D L Humphries, G T Gregg and W E McCarty. Yazoo: A C Ball.

RETURNED CORRESPONDENTS—Yazoo: J L Phelps and S L Wray. Trinity; A B Hicks, T H Wilson, J H Pryor, W C Love and J T Pryor. Calhoun; J S Winter, J C

Winter and W F Davis. Chester; R M Richardson and T. H. Wilson.

STATE CONVENTION—T. H. Wilson, J. L. Phelps, A B Hicks and J T Pryor.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION—Rev A. B. Hicks and Rev T H Wilson alternate.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED—The moderator appointed T H Wilson with the deacons of Fellowship church as committee on devotional exercises. Finance—J W Spencer, J S Winter and S O Simpson. Apportionment—W T McQuary, A B Hicks and J H Pryor. Digest of Church Letters—W W Nason, J S Hardy, A B Skelton and Eli Harden.

On motion Bro. J. L. Phelps was appointed to preach tonight and Luther Sheppard tomorrow night.

On motion the treasurer's report was received, read and referred to finance committee.

The treasurer was authorized to pay to the Orphans' Home at Jackson, Miss., the \$2.10, which he has on hand of minute money.

On motion, the committee on Pastoral Support be deferred until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock a. m.

On motion, we take up the report on Foreign, Home and State Missions as soon as we dispose of the report on Pastoral Support.

On motion the report on Sabbath Schools be deferred until tomorrow morning.

Committee on Nominations—J M Blue, J C Winter and R H Lishman.

On motion, the Association go into an election of the place for holding the next Association. Bethany church in Slate Springs was unanimously elected.

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On motion the Association stands adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

After singing, Bro. M. L. Sheppard read the 12th chapter of Romans and commented on same, after which Bro. A. B. Hicks lead in prayer.

On motion, instead of appointing the churches, as heretofore, to write on various subjects, the moderator be requested to appoint committees.

On motion, the report on Pastoral Support be received, read and adopted. Same discussed by M C Allen, A B Hicks, A C Ball, J E Shaw and others.

PETITIONARY LETTER—Sapa church was received into the full fellowship of this Association and Bros. M. R. Klutts and O. C. Fondran seated as delegates.

On motion the reports on Foreign, Home and State Missions be received and adopted. Discussed very ably by Bros. T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, J. L. Palsp, A. C. Ball and others, after which a collection was taken up which resulted in a contribution of \$10.10.

Adjourned one hour for refreshments.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After singing prayer was made by Bro. J. H. Pryor.

On motion, the report on Sabbath Schools be received and adopted, including the statisticals.

On motion, that the report on Ministerial Education be received and adopted. Discussed by T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks, A. C. Ball and others.

On motion the report on Apportionment was received and adopted.

On motion, that the report on Systematic Beneficence be received and adopted.

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On motion, that the report on Periodicals be received and adopted. Discussed by A. C. Ball and J. W. Therrell.

Report on Digest of Church Letters received and adopted.

On motion, that the Southern Baptist, a paper published at Memphis, Tenn., be struck out of the report on Periodicals and insert The Foreign Mission Journal.

On motion, the report on nominations be received and adopted.

On motion, the report on Finance be received and adopted.

On motion, the report on Orphans' Home be received and adopted.

On motion the clerk was authorized to have the minutes of the Baptist Sunday School printed in the Associational minutes.

On motion the clerk was allowed \$15 for his services.

Resolved, That we, the Zion Association extend to the brotherhood and sisterhood of Fellowship church, and the good people of the community our heartfelt thanks for their kind hospitality while among them.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Bethany church, in the town of Slate Springs, Calhoun county, Miss., on Thursday before the 3d. Sabbath in September, A. D. 1901.

D. W. BENNETT,
Clerk.

J. T. PRYOR,
Moderator.

COMMITTEES FOR NEXT YEAR—The moderator appointed the following brethren to write on the various subjects and report at the next session of this body, to wit:

MISSIONS—A. B. Hicks and J. H. Pryor.

PASTOR'S SUPPORT—Jas. Denton Jr. and W. J. Vance.

SABBATH SCHOOLS—J. W. Spencer and Smith Fox.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION—B. DeLashmet and W. T. McQuary.

TEMPERANCE—Eli Harden and Scott Harden.

PERIODICALS—Joe Allen and Henry Burson.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICIENCE—M. L. Sheppard and H. G. McCain.

ORPHANS' HOME—M. C. Allen and A. T. Burns.

TRIAL PLEDGE, FOR MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Bethany	\$5 00	New Hope	5 00
Bluff Springs	2 00	New Liberty	2 00
Eupora	5 00	Pleasant Grove	5 00
Fellowship	5 00	Shiloh	2 50
Hebron	2 00	Sabougla	5 00
Mulberry	2 50	Sapa	2 00
Milligan Springs	2 50	Spring Hill	5 00
Mt. Zion	5 00	Union	2 00
Mt. Vernon	2 50	Walthall	5 00
Midway	2 50		
Total			\$37 50

Reports of Committees.

On Nominations.

Your committee on nominations make the following report. We recommend that Bro. M. L. Sheppard preach the introductory sermon W. D. Cooke alternate.

On Pastoral Support.

If the Word of God teaches anything it teaches the duty of churches to support their pastors "Who goeth a warfare anytime at his own charge?" "Who planteth a vineyard and eateth not of the fruit thereof." or "Who feedeth a flock and drinketh not of the milk of the flock." "He that ploweth should plow in hope and he that thresheth in hope should be partakers of his hope." "If we have sown unto you spiritual things is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?" Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel shall live of the gospel. Now, brethren, if these scriptures do not teach that it is the duty of the churches to support their pastors they are meaningless. We sub-

mit further, that when a church extends a call to a preacher to become her pastor she should fix his salary and let him know what he may expect from the church in the way of a support and then let the church see that it is paid. Respectfully submitted

A. B. Wilson,
J. H. Hicks.

On Ministerial Education.

All of us understand the meaning of the term; but very few realize the worth of the education of ministers, hence I will begin—not with a definition—for it is already known, but I will begin with the importance of it. In all mental work there must be a trained mind. Some may ask how this training is done, to which question I will answer, It can be done by study. The Allwise Creator has given a mind and if it is not trained (if the possessor buries his talent) he will not be rewarded, even that which he has shall be taken away." To attend college is not essential to an education. Each person studying for the ministry can put in many profitable hours at home, over language and literature, if he is not able to attend school. He can prepare himself very thoroughly by reading everything of an elevating nature. As I before stated, his mind is not suited for a minister's until it has been trained to a certain extent. The lawyer educates, the physician educates, the merchant educates, the teacher educates, the poet educates and the preacher should educate, if it is necessary for one it is necessary for the other for they are all co-ordinate callings. If man needs a knowledge of philosophy in a simple, human profession, how much more does he need it when he attempts to do God's service? The preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is acknowledged the grandest calling of a man, and should have the strongest minds to attend it. However, there are numerous objections raised by some brethren against religious institutions and certainly those brethren will tell us they want a minister to learn them something in each sermon, and how can he teach them unless he knows something to teach? Of course it is impossible. Instead of being a stumbling block to the studying minister brethren, we should pray for the good work to go on, we should aid them, we ought not tell them it is useless but we should try to induce all intended preachers to attend college if possible; to attend our college—Mississippi College—The Baptist College. Now, brethren, it is earnestly hoped that each one of us is a believer in ministerial education and may press forward the cry for a learned corps of gospel teachers. May prayers be offered supplications made and covenants signed for the undertaking.

Lastly, may the harvest be abundant and the reapers plentiful. Also, it is thought by some that the Lord will give the education, that He will give them words, that He will make them big preachers without any effort on the part of the receiver. Does God give us such assurance? Does He propose to do all, and we do nothing? Nay, He has a part for us to do and unless we do our share He will not come up with his. Suppose the mourning friends had refused to take away the stone before Lazarus' tomb would the inmate have been restored to life? If the man with the withered hand had refused to stretch it forth, would that hand have been healed? Would the sinner be forgiven were he not penitent?

Respectfully submitted,

J. J. Lovett.

On Home and State Missions.

The field for this work is in need of missions. The greed of gain prevails over our country to such an extent that many go without the opportunity of hearing the gospel. The population of our many large cities is too great for the churches to accommodate. On the frontier, where the adventurous spirits of our country go, there is need of preachers to proclaim the truth so that those careless ones may be constrained to turn and enlist their boldness in a more holy cause. And, in view of the abundant prosperity of our state in the erection of manufactories, the construction of railroads and the development generally of our material, will necessarily increase our population, bringing people among us whose ideas are ——— to ours and the safety of our institutions depend upon a diffusion of the Christian religion, which calls for a thoroughly organized agency.

Respectfully submitted,

B. F. S. Arnes.

T. S. Fox.

Foreign Missions—By Spring Hill Church.

Millions upon millions, yea hundreds of millions, in darkness are going down to death! We have the blessed light of life, we rejoice, we glory, we delight in the love of God; shall we deny this blessing to others? How can we help our unfortunate fellow men and dying brethren who calls on us to help them? How does God regard the situation? We read, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him shall not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16) Christ said: "As the Father hath sent me even so I send you" (John 20:21) Also; "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15) Our duty is plain enough. The results of our work in heathen lands have been wonderful blessings from God. Our

missionaries baptized over 1,300 converts during last year. We have from our own beloved state heroic missionaries on the foreign field, to wit. Rev. E. Z. Simmons and Mrs. R. H. Graves to China, Revs. A. C. Watkins, J. G. Christian, R. W. Hooker and wife to Mexico, Miss Alzue Goolesby to Brazil, Rev. E. V. Walne to Japan and Rev. W. T. Lumby to Africa. Let us rally to their support. The American Baptist Missionary Union reported 12,021 baptisms last year. What wonders hath God wrought! He has done great things for us whereof we are glad. The present situation in China absorbs all thought. At heart it is the expression of a wide-spread reaction within the empire against the steady penetration of the country by the influence of western civilization precipitated, largely, by ignorance and superstition. While the situation, at present, is dark we fully agree with our missionaries in believing that unusual opportunities will soon open to us there. We desire to, and must, enlarge our gifts and works. The Baptists of the south can more easily give \$200,000 this year for foreign missions than they could give \$100,000 five years ago. Instead of averaging nine cents per capita, let's go to 14 cents per month. Brethren and sisters of Mt. Zion Association, "Will a man rob God?" "Will we longer withhold more than is meet?" "Will we longer be cursed with a curse?" "It is more blessed to give than to receive." "Freely you have received, freely give." Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open to you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Amen.

Scott Hardin,
Eli Hardin,
C. F. Flornay.

On Orphans' Home.

The Mississippi Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., was incorporated six years ago with a superintendant and board of trustees. The motive prompting this act was the provision of a home for the destitute orphans of our state, regardless of denomination, also to give them the blessed privilege of spiritual and literary training in connection with such practical education as will render them self-sustaining in future life. The property now consists of 100 acres of land clear of debt and worth \$1,000, twice the original cost. Other property, consisting of buildings, furniture, printing outfit, live stock, vehicles and farming implements, aggregate \$14,000. The great need now is water supply. They

are forced during this season of the year to haul water, incurs hardships and expenses, we beg therefore to suggest that some practical method be resorted to to raise funds for providing a permanent sufficient supply. We are to have a fifth Sunday in this month, if each church and Sunday School would take a collection on that day for this purpose we would be able to help them some. It is well to remember that this is our especial charge, a glorious opportunity placed before us to avail ourselves of the benefits of God's promises to those who glorify Him by advancing this interest. Ps. 41. 1-3, "Blessed is he that considereth the poor, the Lord shall deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will strengthen him on the bed of languishing; Thou wilt make all his bed in sickness." If this were the only promise we had from our Heavenly Father it would be sufficient for perfect assurance and encouragement under all circumstances. "God loveth a cheerful giver," so if the gift be only a penny let it be given cheerfully. "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord." What a blessed privilege to be able to lend something to him who has done so much for us! If we measure our gratitude by our blessings surely it will be boundless. This is not optional with us, it is a debt we owe. He that despiseth the poor repudiates his Maker. To ignore the wants of the poor is almost equal to despising them. God help us to do honor to our Father by being faithful to our trust. Respectfully submitted,

Jennie Magness,
Smith Fox,
Joe Vance.

On Systematic Beneficence.

Your committee recommend the New Testament system of giving as the best in the world and insist on its adoption by all the churches comprising the Zion association. We deeply regret the indifference and negligence of our people of the beloved Zion in this duty of giving. As a rule, we have not only no system of giving, but no giving. Brethren, these things ought not so to be let us, therefore, repent of this our evil and render to the Lord the things that are His. Respectfully submitted,

J. Y. Oliver,
J. S. Edland,
Chas. Barrett.

On Sabbath Schools.

That the Sunday School is a power for good in the land none who have enjoyed its privileges will deny. That we have scriptural authority

for Sunday Schools our best men are agreed and that it is productive of glorious results all workers and observers testify, then why the sad lack of interest in this grand work of training our children in the fear and service of our Master in so many of the churches throughout our Zion? Out of 24 churches reported to this body only 8 report Sunday Schools. Brethren, there is evidently a necessity for increased interest in the work. Its importance can no longer be questioned. How to get the people interested and at work in the Sunday School is what we want to know. Our brethren in the state convention in their report on Sunday Schools have this to say: "While there are 1352 churches in our state only 546 report Sunday Schools." This statement fits our condition, about one-third have Sunday Schools. Where can a place be found better suited to meet the needs of both old and young in the study of the scripture than in the Sunday School? Brethren, we have talked and talked and reported, time and again, and would be glad to see some results. Statistics show that from 75 to 80 per cent of the members coming into our churches at present are from the Sunday Schools, can we afford to ignore such a power for good in bringing the unsaved to Christ for life and salvation? No. Oh, brethren let us arise in our might, shake off our indifference, gird on the armor and rally around the Sunday School banner, working for our blessed Master while life lasts and opportunity is given for we will pass this way but once.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Officers and Teachers	Students.	Kind of Literature	Cash for Literature	Added to Church	Mos. Held.
Bethany	7	75	Bible Bible Bible Bible Bible Bible Bible Bible Bible	\$ 8 00	5	12
Empora	9	100		19 00	10	12
Fellowship	4	60		8 00		12
New Hope	11	150		11 50		12
Pilgrim's Rest	5	25		1 50		6
Pleasant Grove	6	32		2 50	4	12
Sabonga	5	20		1 55		6
Walthall	7	85		8 00		12
Shady Grove	3	23				
Sapa	5	35				8
Total	62	605		\$30 05	19	

J. W. Spencer, Secy.

On Digest of Church Letters.

Your committee has examined twenty-three letters and find conditions as follows: Ten churches report Sabbath schools. Nine churches in good condition. Four churches in cold condition. Nine churches condition not reported. One church no report. Received by baptism, fifty-three. Received by letter, seventy-nine. Received by restoration, twenty-six. Increased since last Association twenty-nine. Dismissed by letter ninety-seven. Excluded seventeen. Respectfully submitted.

W. W. Naron,
A. B. Skelton,
J. S. Hardy,
Eli Harden.

On Apportionment.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following:

Arbor Springs	\$ 7 50	Pilgrim's Rest	\$ 5 00
Bluff Springs	10 00	Pleasant Grove	20 00
Bethel	30 00	Providence	15 00
Bethany	35 00	Rocky Mountain	5 00
Eupora	50 00	Sabongla	30 00
Fellowship	30 00	Shady Grove	5 00
Hebron	7 50	Shiloh	15 00
Mt. Vernon	20 00	Spring Hill	30 00
Mt. Zion	10 00	Concord	5 00
Miligan Springs	15 00	Greensborough	5 00
Midway	25 00	Harmony	5 00
Mulberry	20 00	Union	5 00
New Hope	40 00	Walthall	20 00
New Liberty	15 00	Sapa	5 00
Philadelphia	20 00		
Total			\$505 00

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. McQuary.

Treasurer's Report.

Sept. 15	Recd from Finance Committee for Minutes	\$ 25 20
" "	" " Missions	21 55
" "	" Association for Ministerial Education	4 00
" "	" Mt. Vernon church for Ministerial Education	2 50
" 25	" " Minutes	1 50
Oct. 1	" Spring Hill church for Missions	1 10
	" R. J. Stoker for Missions	1 00

Oct. 4	Read from R. J. Stoker for Minutes	\$ 1 00
"	" " " " Spring Hill church for Minutes	2 00
Nov. 28	Read from New Hope church for Gen Missn	7 20
April 2	" " Bluff Springs church for Missions	6 15
March 13	" " Bethany church for Home Missions	3 75
April 11	" " J. C. Doolittle, Betheny church, for Missions	15 00
" 20	" " New Hope church, for General Missions	11 30
" 21	" " Fellowship church, Home and Foreign Missions	5 50
" 30	" " Philadelphia church, for Missions	3 00
May 1	" " Eupora church, for India Missions	7 30
" 17	" " Midway church, for Missions	6 65
" "	" " Spring Hill church, Home and Foreign Missions	6 00
" 25	" " Eupora church, for General Missions	9 00
June 19	" " New Hope church, for Home missions	7 00
" 25	" " Betheny church, for State missions	2 35
Aug. 24	by check, Betheny church, for State missions	2 15

Total

\$152 20

Sept. 15	To cash paid A. V. Rowe, for missions	\$ 21 55
"	" " " A. V. Rowe, ministerial education	4 00
Oct. 4	" " " D. W. Bennett, clerk fee	12 00
Nov 18	" " " J. S. Allen, printing minutes	17 70
April 3	To check, A. V. Rowe	19 60
" 21	" " " A. V. Rowe	26 30
" "	" " " A. V. Rowe	5 50
May 1	" " " A. V. Rowe	7 30
" 25	" " " A. V. Rowe	21 65
June 25	" " " A. V. Rowe	9 35
Aug. 24	" " " A. V. Rowe	5 15

Total

\$150 10

By balance (cash on hand)

\$ 2 10

W. W. Naron, Treas.

On Finance.

Your committee submit the following report on finance:

Received for minutes	\$29 95
Received for foreign missions	2 65
Received for general missions	21 15
Received for association purposes	1 50
Total	\$55 25

J. S. Winter,
J. W. Spencer,
S. O. Symphon.

On Periodicals.

We, your committee, recommend the following: The Baptist, published at Jackson, Miss.; The Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va.; The Southern Baptist Series, at Nashville, Tenn. and the Orphanage Gem, published at Jackson, Miss. Respectfully submitted.

J. R. Freeman,
R. H. Lishman,
S. L. Wray

PROGRAM—of the District Meeting of the Western District of Zion Association which convenes with Providence church on Thursday and Friday before the 4th Sunday, 1900. To preach the introductory sermon T. H. Wilson, A. B. Hicks alternate.

- (1) Is it un-Scriptural to do missionary work through the Boards. T. H. Wilson and A. B. Hicks.
- (2) Will there be a personal reign of Christ, on earth, for a thousand years before the judgment? W. D. Cook.
- (3) Is there any difference in sinning and committing sin. M. C. Allen and W. D. Cook.
- (4) Does the 1-talented man represent a Christian, and what became of him? A. T. Burns and Joe Doroh.
- (5) Does the preaching of repentance and faith in Christ demand the acceptance of all the unsaved at all times of the unregeneracy? J. T. McPhail and Andy Carroll.

Zion Baptist Sunday School Convention.

Which met with New Hope Sunday School July 13th and 14th, 1900, the convention was called to order by President J. J. Adams the chaplain being absent Rev. T. H. Wilson was appointed in his stead and began by reading the 12th chapter of Romans and offering prayer. The secretary being absent M. L. Sheppard was elected pro tem. Letters were called for and J. H. Pryor and J. W. Spencer were appointed reading clerks. The following schools responded: State Springs, Mount Vista, New Hope, Bellefontaine and Eupora. On motion a petitionary letter was received from Mount Vista. Went into permanent organization by nominations by acclamation which resulted as follows: J. J. Adams president, J. W. Spencer vice president, M. L. Sheppard secretary, Rev. T. H. Wilson chaplain. Rev. A. B. Hicks anniversarian, motion carried that the secretary act as treasurer.

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AFTERNOON SESSION— Called together by singing and reading 2nd Psalm, prayer by chaplain, the welcome address having been omitted in the forenoon was called for and Miss Cora Spencer responded in a manner that made the delegates feel at home. The program was taken up and the subject "have we Scripture for the organization of the Sunday Schools?" was discussed very ably by Rev T H Wilson, Prof Gozy and Rev H G McCain. Song "Golden Light" Revs M C Allen and Joe Doroh were asked to discuss "why young men should attend Sunday school?" discussed also by Rev T H Wilson and Prof Gozy. Prof Gozy was asked to discuss Christian education. J H Pryor, J W Spencer and Joe Doroh were appointed committee on program.

SECOND DAY— Called to order by vice-president J W Spencer, chaplain being absent the secretary was asked to act in his place which he did by reading the 37th Psalm and offering prayer. Letters were called for and Hopewell responded. Hopewell was selected as the place and Friday and Saturday before the 3d Sunday in July, 1901, the time for holding the next meeting. Program resumed as follows: "Christian education, how is it obtained?" discussed by M L Sheppard, Prof Gozy and Rev Joe Doroh. Song, "Walking in the Light," an excellent essay, "the church, the poor and the masses of to-day" was received from Europa and read. Song, "I want to be a worker for the Lord." "Who stands mostly in need of the Sunday school" discussed by Rev A B Hicks with remark from Bro J W Spencer, a splendid essay on "what it takes to make a successful Sunday school" was read by H E King of Bellefontaine. Song, "The Uncleanly Day."

AFTERNOON SESSION— Convention was brought together by singing and prayer was offered by Bro Walker, delegates from Pilgrim's Rest and Walthall granted seats in convention without letters, Rev A B Hicks made a very interesting address on self-denial, a splendid essay on "evil association" was read by Miss Gussie Hays of Walthall. Song, "All My Life Long." "Why should old men attend Sunday school?" discussed by Rev Joe Doroh and Prof Gozy, song, In the Shadow of the Rock an interesting essay on "the heavenly home" was read by Miss Minnie Shaw of Pilgrim's Rest. Song, Beautiful Home, an excellent essay on "Benefactors and Malefactors" was read by Miss Statia Pryor of New Hope on which Rev A B Hicks made some very fitting remarks. Anniversary sermon omitted by motion. Committee on programme reported as follows: 1 Welcome address, Mrs Ella Hardin. 2 The Sabbath day, its origin

and how we may properly observe it; Scott Hardin and M C Allen. 3 28-
 325. Our Heavenly home, Mrs Jennie Magness. 4 Youthful piety, its
 power and influence, Ralph Eugene Walter Vance. 5 Should missions be
 taught in Sunday schools, J W Spenceer Henry McCain. 6 Attendance
 upon Sunday school a safeguard to the young Miss Sallie Vance. 7 The
 Bible doctrine of giving, T H Wilson Luther Shepherd. 8 Essay by Miss
 Nora Burns, subject of her own choosing. 9 Evil effect of bad litera-
 ture upon the youthful mind, Prof Gezy, James Carroll. The superin-
 tendant of each Sunday school is requested to appoint some one to read
 an essay or deliver an address. Motion carried that four missionaries be
 appointed to work in the interest of Sunday schools. W T McQuary, J
 H Pryor, R A Mallory and Scott Hardin were appointed. Secretary re-
 quested to furnish Rev A B Hicks a copy of the minutes that he may
 have them inserted in the association 1 minutes, motion carried that the
 secretary also furnish the Warden and Progress a copy of minutes and
 request their publication. An interesting essay on "The Holy Ghost"
 was read from Monte Vista. Song, "When the roll is called up yonder."
 Prayer by Bro. Walker. Adjourned.
 M. L. Shepperd, Secretary. J. J. Adams,
 President.

CHURCHES.	Time of Meeting	Baptized	Recd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter
Betheny	1	6	11	1	12
Bluff Springs. 1		6	1		11
Concord					
Eupora	1 & 2	10	14		5
Fellowship....	2		13		9
Hebron	2				
Mt. Zion	3				5
Miligan Sp'gs.	15	2			
Mulberry.	1				3
Mt. Vernon....	4		1		
Midway.	3				6
New Hope....	3		13		17
New Liberty..	4	4			
Pleasant Grove	2	4	4		2
Providence....	1				
Pilgrim's Rest. 1			1		
Philadelphia ..	3				
Sabougla	2	5	2	3	3
Shiloh	3		1		8
Spring Hill... 4		2	10		12
Shady Grove..	2	6			
Sapa	4		3		
Union	1		1	1	3
Walthall	3	1	5		12

STATISTICAL TABLE—ZION BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Restored by Letter.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	No. Males.	No. Females.	Total.	Paid for Min.	Home State Miss'n.	Ministerial Ed.	Orphans Home	Other Purposes	Pastors' Salary	PASTORS	CLERKS.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE	Mem'ship Last Year.		
																	Males.	Females.	Total.
1	1	12	2	1	51	97	148	\$2 00	\$16 10	\$....	3 95	100 00	A C Ball.....	J S Dorroh....	Calhoun ..	Slate Sp'gs	47	98	145
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..	6	Joe Dorroh...	W L Hood....	"	Calooga
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..	40	50	90	1 25	1 75	60 00	S M Cole....	H R Lollar....	"	Spring Cr.
..	..	5	..	3	..	80	50	J T Carroll ...	J L Latham...	"	Eupora	88
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3	17	..	3	60	69	129	2 00	25 35	7 50	5 50	..	100 00	A B Hicks....	J H White....	Webster..	Glenlynn .	65	71	136
..	98	1 00	A T Burns....	J W Townsend	"	Dabney.
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..	60	60	A T Burns....	J D Ward....	Calhoun ..	Wardwell
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3	5	9	14	50	1 50	..	CH Dobbs....	J C Henley ...	"	Sapa.
1	1	3	..	25	49	74	1 00	J C Peacock...	A Richardson	M'tg'mry..	Stewart
5	12	..	1	1 50	5 60	100 00	R M Richards'n	H R Smith...	Webster...	Walthall...

Order of Business.

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- 7—Report on Foreign Missions.
- 8—Report on Home and State Missions.
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